

Maine Farm Days 2007
Customized Credit for Private Pesticide Applicators
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The purpose of this opportunity/exercise is for private applicators to earn at least one (1) pesticide credit by researching pest-related problems on their farm/operation. The work is performed by the farmer/grower prior to coming to 2007 Maine Farm Days to be held at Misty Meadows Farm, Hill Road in Clinton, Maine on August 17-18th. The farmer/grower/applicator completes this questionnaire and brings it to the event for approval/authorization. The necessary paperwork will be submitted to the Board of Pesticides Control for the appropriate credit.

1. List the top three problem pests on your farm/operation. Consider insects, diseases, weeds, rodents, wildlife, etc. Be specific in listing the pests.

Select one of the pests listed above and research the pest more fully. Complete each of the sections below for the pest:

2. Positive pest identification – What is the exact name of the pest? Write the common name and scientific name. FYI: You may have an insect or disease specimen identified by Pest Management Office of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension by sending in a sample to UMCE-PMO, 491 College Avenue, Orono, ME 04473 or sending a digital photo to ckirby@umext.maine.edu You may attach a photo to this form if desired.

3. What is the life cycle of the pest? Draw it (or describe it in words) in the space below. Include the typical time(s) of year for its life cycle to occur. Be specific.

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4. Now that you know the pest and its life cycle, list some strategies that you are considering to manage or control the pest. List as many options as you think are reasonable for your situation. This may take some research on your part. Consider your local library, the Internet, experts, etc. in your search. Be specific with product names, cultural practices, control measures, timing, etc.

5. Write your name and contact information below: Date _____

Name

Mailing address:

Town and Zip

Phone number(s)

Email address

You may attach extra pages if you wish.